

ACES High

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Technical Sergeant Barauskas entered active duty in July 1984. After basic training, he attended Financial Specialist training at Sheppard AFB, Texas. Upon graduation he was assigned as a travel pay technician to the 3902nd Air Base Wing, Offutt AFB, Nebraska. He was hand-picked to personally brief and in-process all colonels and general officers.

In 1987, Sergeant Barauskas transferred to the 66th Comptroller Squadron at Sembach AB, Germany, as NCOIC, Paying and Collecting. He was responsible for payments totaling over \$210 million annually. His hard work and expertise were rewarded with recognition as the comptroller squadron's Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) of the Year for 1989.

In 1990, Sergeant Barauskas returned to the Comptroller Squadron at Offutt AFB NE as NCOIC, Travel Accounting. He was in charge of the largest volume travel accounting section in Air Combat Command (ACC). He also controlled over 130 funding documents totaling \$1.8 million. He established a new training program for travel accounting that ensured technical competence of all technicians through continuity and hands-on training. He was recognized as the Noncommissioned Officer of the Year in 1991.

In 1994, Sergeant Barauskas was selected to serve as Chief, Pay, Plans, and Policy Branch in the Comptroller Division at Headquarters, United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM). He was hand-picked as a Staff Sergeant to fill a Master Sergeant's billet. He provided prompt and professional customer service to over 700 active duty, civilian, and deployed personnel. During his tenure at USSTRATCOM, he managed the American Express Government Charge Card Program and served as liaison between the command and other agencies. His success with the travel card program garnered kudos from the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Financial Management and Comptroller. He earned USSTRATCOM's Command and Special Staff NCO of the Year Award for 1994.

Sergeant Barauskas is currently assigned to ACC's 85th Group, Keflavik Naval Air Station, Iceland. He was selected ahead of his peers to fill the Financial Services Officer (FSO) position, a Master Sergeant billet and the only ACC FSO position not filled by an officer. He has direct oversight of over 1800 blank treasury checks and ten military and civilian employees. Under his supervision, the financial services team managed all consolidation actions to Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Operating Location Limestone, with perfect accountability and no loss of funds. His leadership ability and professionalism earned him recognition as a Superior Performer by the ACC Inspector General during a 1998 Operational Readiness Inspection. He was selected as ACC's Financial Management NCO of the Quarter for the third quarter of 1998. Also during 1998, he was highlighted as the Runner-up for ACC's coveted Accounting and Finance Airman of the Year.

Sergeant Barauskas holds a bachelor's degree in General Administration and is actively pursuing a master's degree in Human Relations. He supports junior enlisted as president of the Top Four Council and challenges them athletically as the top competitor in his unit's racquetball ladder. Off-duty time is spent with his family and volunteering as a Sunday school teacher at his local church. Without a doubt, Technical Sergeant William Barauskas is truly ACES HIGH!